



Universidad del Pacífico launches Research Chair on Migration and Forced Displacement in Latin America and the Caribbean

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Overview:

Canada's International Development Research Center (IDRC) has launched an initiative to establish research chairs on forced displacement at eight universities in regions of the Global South and provide them with technical and financial support.

The chair will seek to create a regional platform for research on forced displacement in Latin America and the Caribbean, in collaboration with key actors in the field of migration studies: academics, policymakers, international organizations, civil society, and migrants. In addition, the chair will contribute to knowledge exchange processes between researchers from Universidad del Pacífico ('the University') and other colleagues in Ethiopia, Lebanon, Tanzania, Thailand, and Mexico, with the purpose of strengthening the dialog and knowledge production on migratory phenomena in the Global South.

In this way, the chair will forge national and international networks at the institutional level, expand opportunities to study forced displacement, and encourage the consideration of research results in the development and implementation of public policies. Additionally, the chair will offer courses on migration and forced displacement at the University –both at the undergraduate and graduate level.

To accomplish the aforementioned, the University is looking for an individual who can lead this research chair. The candidate must meet the following profile:

Requirements:

- Education: Doctorate or Master's degree with a focus on issues like forced displacement, migration in Latin America and the Caribbean, international development, or related fields.
- Academic track record: Must have published at least four publications in the last five years related to the field, in indexed journals (first or second quartile) and/or internationally prestigious publishers.
- Work experience: At least ten years of experience in regional and/or international settings, involving interactions with key actors on the issue of migration and forced displacement. Must have held positions where the candidate was adept at leadership, management skills, coordination, and supervision in the field. Must have had an impact on public policies directly or indirectly.



- Communication: Strong communication skills required, specifically with different audiences (policymakers, media, etc.) and via different media (written, audio-visual, etc.).
- Mobilization of resources: Skilful at mobilizing resources for research on the aforementioned topics, as well as other related topics.
- Cross-cutting issues: Experience in the study and management of gender perspectives, vulnerable populations, and social protection policies.
- Languages: Expert proficiency in English and Spanish (speaking, writing, and reading).

Main responsibilities:

- Propose the research chair's work plan on the topic of migration and forced displacement. This must include the following activities: research; dissemination; advocacy on public policies; teaching activities; and development and consolidation of national and international networks.
- Design and implement research activities individually and in teams, with colleagues across the University and in other national and international academic institutions.
- Propose and supervise the implementation of teaching activities for the University's undergraduate and postgraduate programs.
- Participate and represent the University in thematic networks on forced displacement.
- Represent the chair in events and dissemination/communication spaces (events, media, or others).
- Proactively communicate the results of research carried out through the chair in various media.
- Influence public policies at the national, bi-national, and multilateral level, and share quantitative and qualitative evidence, as well as concrete recommendations.
- Promote and carry out fundraising activities for the sponsorship of the chair.

Additional information:

The contract will initially be for one year. The University may renew this contract according to performance. Interested candidates who meet these requirements must send their CV and a cover letter to the following email: researchchair2022@up.edu.pe. The following subject line should be used: 'Migration Research Chair.'

Application deadline:

March 4, 2022.

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